

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 6, 7, 9, 11-14 and 18-29 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 15-17 are canceled, claims 6, 7, 9 and 11-14 are amended and claims 18-29 are added. Support for the new claims can be found throughout the originally filed specification, drawings and claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objected to the specification because of various informalities. By this Amendment, the informalities have been corrected. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action also indicated that because claims 7 and 8 appear to have an identical scope, one of these claims would be rejected under a double patenting rejection if both claims were retained in the application. By this Amendment, claim 8 is cancelled. Accordingly, no double patenting rejection should be necessary.

The Office Action also objected to claim 11 because of an inaccuracy in the claim language. By this Amendment, claim 11 has been amended to obviate this objection. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejected claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over Lemaire (U.S. Patent No. 5,417,905). As noted above, claims 1-5, 8, 10 and 15-17 have been cancelled. Thus, the rejection is moot as to these claims. With respect to the remaining claims, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Lemaire discloses an apparatus and a method for manufacturing a plastic credit card using a mold. Figures 19A, 19B and 21A-21C appear to disclose a mold which includes an upper mold portion and a lower mold portion. An aperture is used to insert a molding resin into a molding cavity formed between the two mold halves. It appears that a protrusion on the upper mold surrounds the aperture used to introduce the molding resin into the cavity. However, this aperture does not push any film located adjacent the lower mold into a recess or cavity formed on the lower mold. As a result, even when a recess is formed on the lower mold, as shown in Figures 21A-21C, once a molding resin has been introduced into the cavity, the molding resin extends from the center of the molding cavity into the recess and adjacent the film which lies on the inner surface of the lower mold.

New claim 18 is directed to an injection mold for forming a display panel of an appliance. Claim 18 recites a first mold configured to receive a first film on an inner surface thereof, wherein at least one recess is formed on the inner surface. Claim 18 further recites a second mold configured to receive a second film on an inner surface thereof, wherein a mold cavity is formed between the inner surfaces of the first and second molds when the first and second molds are closed together. Claim 18 further recites that at least one projection is formed on the inner surface of the second mold, and that the projection is configured to push a portion of the first film on the inner surface of the first mold into a corresponding recess on the first mold when the first and second molds are closed together.

As noted above, none of the protrusions in the mold disclosed in the Lemaire reference include a protrusion which pushes a film into a recess on the other portion of the mold. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 18 is allowable over Lemaire. Claims 6, 7 and 9 depend from new claim 18 and are allowable for at least the same reasons.

New claim 25 is also directed to an injection mode for forming a display of an appliance. Claim 25 recites a first mold configured to receive a first film on an inner surface thereof, and a second mold configured to receive a second film on an inner surface of the second mold. Claim 25 recites that a mold cavity is formed between the inner surfaces of the first and second molds when the first and second molds are closed together. Claim 25 further recites that at least one projection is formed on the inner surface of the second mold, and that the projection is configured to pass through a second film on the inner surface of the second mold and to abut the first film on the inner surface of the first mold when the molds are closed together. Claim 25 also recites that the at least one projection is configured to form an aperture in resin injected into the mold during a molding process such that the aperture opens onto the first film.

As noted above, the Lemaire mold does not include a projection as recited in new independent claim 25. For at least this reason, it is respectfully submitted that claim 25 is allowable. Claims 11-14 depend from new claim 25 and are allowable for at least the same reasons. The dependent claims also recite additional features that are also not shown or suggested by Lemaire.

In view of all the foregoing, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6, 7, 9 and 11 -14 over Lemaire is respectfully requested.

As noted above, by this Amendment, claims 18-29 are added to the application. Independent claims 18 and 25 are allowable for the reasons discussed above. The dependent claims are allowable for at least the same reasons, and for the additional features that they recite.

CONCLUSION

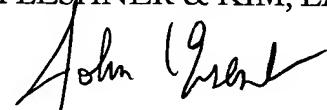
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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